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THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY --

L. Fletcher Prouty, U.S. Air Force Retired, was formerly liaison officer between the Pentagon and C.I.A., particularly in matters having to do with clandestine activities. In his book, "The Secret Team," Col. Prouty states: "Henry Kissinger is the titular head of the intelligence community's clandestine operations reaction faction. His appearance as a one-man power center is simply due to the fact that he fronts for the Secret Team and the secret intelligence community."

At the time the C.I.A. was established in 1947 its purposes, as set forth under the National Security Act, were to coordinate the intelligence activities of the several government departments and agencies in the interest of national security and to advise the National Security Council in matters concerning intelligence activities of government departments, to make recommendations, and to prepare intelligence reports. Its predecessor, the O.S.S., created during World War II, had been heavily infiltrated with Communists, Communist sympathizers and radicals. Among its members were Carl Aldo Marzani, later identified as a Communist; Robert T. Miller, III, who was a contact of Soviet courier Elizabeth Bentley; Leonard E. Mins, who refused to deny being a Soviet agent when he was on the witness stand; Philip Keeney, who took the Fifth Amendment concerning his Communist activities; Donald Wheeler, identified by Elizabeth Bentley as being engaged in Soviet espionage; George S. Wuchinich, identified as a Communist; Jane Foster Zlatovskiy, identified as a Soviet agent, etc., etc.

Some interesting members of the O.S.S. included Joseph and Stewart Alsop, writers and journalists; the late Ralph Bunche, U.N. official; Nicholas Deak, millionaire banker; John K. Fairbank, Harvard professor identified as a Communist; C. Douglas Dillon, former Secretary of the Treasury; Noel Field, identified Communist; John Gardner of Common Cause; Fisher Howe, State Department security risk; Herbert Marcuse, radical revolutionary Marxist; Leonard Meeker, now a U.S. Ambassador; Walt Rostow, a security risk and former top secret adviser to the President; Arthur Schlesinger, Harvard professor; Joseph Sisco, State Department official; and Arthur Goldberg, former Supreme Court Justice who was the liaison between the Communist underground in Europe and the O.S.S. and who has an established Communist front record.

The O.S.S. knowingly, and over the objections of J. Edgar Hoover, recruited not only known Communists but also veterans of the infamous (subversive) Abraham Lincoln Brigade and members of the Brooklyn, N.Y. organization known as Murder Incorporated who had been exposed as contract killers.

Over 1,000 former O.S.S. personnel were transferred into the C.I.A. and, in addition to this, numerous others were taken into the C.I.A. on the recommendation of Harold "Kim" Philby, a British Soviet agent who helped set up the C.I.A. Within the organization there are career officers and agents. In addition to these professional men there are experienced hired agents, cooperators, and conduits. In clandestine activities the names of persons involved are not generally known even among high ranking C.I.A. officials.

William Egan Colby, the man named by President Nixon to head the C.I.A., was a former O.S.S. man who went into the C.I.A. His last position was as Deputy Director of Operations and head of its clandestine services, known as the "Department of Dirty Tricks." He had been executive director and controller of the agency since January 1972. In 1959 he was involved in Vietnam, using the position of First Secretary of the U.S. Embassy as a cover. Actually he was the station chief and in 1962 came back to McLean, Virginia, headquarters as chief of the Far Eastern Division, in charge of all Vietnam operations. In testifying before a congressional committee Colby admitted that the C.I.A. had been involved in political assassinations and the killing of "civilian suspects."

The C.I.A. is prohibited by law from operating within the U.S. Nevertheless, it is known that it conducts

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